

REMARKS

In response to the requirement for elections of species set forth in the Office Action mailed December 9, 2008, Applicants hereby elect (a) SEQ ID NO: 35 and (b) an antibody or fragment thereof (recited in claim 32) for continued examination. Claims 1, 2, 12, 13, 24-30, 32-35, 36, 38, 75-77, and 82-85 read on the elected species. Applicants make election (b) with the understanding that it pertains to dependent claims and that the Office will continue to search and examine the full scope of independent claims that do not require an attached therapeutic protein.

As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.146.

Claims 2, 36, 79, and 83 have been amended to correct matters of form. No new matter has been added by way of the amendments. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request expedited notice of the same.

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